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TEXT BOOK POLICY
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has a proposal to introduce a text book policy in the light of alleged failure of vocational education in the country;

(b) whether the Government is considering to permit the State Governments to develop their own text books depending on their need and local context aid;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has a proposal to introduce open book examination system, mode of internal assessment, no detention policy and abolition of pass and fail;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the time by which these are likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) & (c) All State Governments have been following their own textbook policies for preparation of textbooks to be used in their respective schools. Every state has its own mechanism of production of textbooks through Textbook Bureaus, State Boards, SCERTs etc.

(d) & (e) There is no proposal to introduce open book examination system. Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has already introduced the system of internal assessment for practical work in science, work education, Art Education and Physical & Health Education at the secondary level examinations. It has also introduced the system of Achievement records for classes 1 to 5 for reflecting the holistic profile of the learners based on continuous and comprehensive evaluation. For students in classes 9-10, the schools under the authority of CBSE issue a separate certificate indicating the internal assessment of the students specifying the subjects.

(f) Does not arise.